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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

FROM: William M. Baker
Director, Public Affairs Office

SUBJECT: Address of the 24th Annual Naval Intelligence Dining-In

1. This is background information for your address of the 24th Annual Naval Intelligence (ONI) Dining-In on Thursday, 8 October, 1900 - 2230, at the Radisson Mark Plaza Hotel, 5000 Seminary Road, Alexandria. Phone: 845-1010. Black-tie is the appropriate dress for the evening.

2. Arrangements: You are asked to be at the main entrance of the Radisson Hotel at 1900 where you will be met by your host, Director of ONI and President of the Mess, Admiral W. O. (Bill) Studeman and Vice President of the Mess Commander Geno Spatafore who will escort you to the reception in the foyer outside the ballroom. A receiving line is not planned. At approximately 1950 you will proceed to the Plaza East Ballroom for dinner. After seating and ceremonies, dinner will be served at 2015. (See agenda opposite.) Admiral Studeman will introduce you at 2145 and you are scheduled for 20-25 minutes of remarks. A microphone and podium will be available at the head table. You will be seated with the following:

Mr. Richard L. Harver
RADM Gene P. Dickey
RADM Robert P. Tiernan
RADM Dale N. Hagen
RADM Donald P. Harvey
* RADM Donald "Mac" Showers
RADM Don H. McDowell (seated on your right)
RADM William O. Studeman (seated on your left)
VADM Edward A. Burkhalter, Jr.
RADM Robert W. Schmitt
RADM Sumner Shapiro
* RADM John Marocchi
* RADM Atly Peterson
RADM Thomas A. Brooks
RADM Edward D. Sheaffer, Jr.
Mr. Dennis P. Harman

(See seating chart and biographies opposite. * Biographies are unavailable.)

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Although there will not be a question and answer period, you will be toasted and presented with the Naval Intelligence plaque after your speech. The evening will be concluded with informal toasting and adjournment is scheduled at 2230. (Toasting procedures are outlined in the program opposite.) Protocol calls for you and Admiral Studeman to depart before officers are allowed to do so. DCI security will be taping your remarks for the Agency's historical records.

Approximately 225 Naval Intelligence Officers on active duty or retired will attend. This will include new officers currently in the entry level course at the Navy and Marine Corps Intelligence Training Center in Norfolk and numerous flag officers. Although spouses are not invited, some female officers will be in the audience. A member of the British Royal Navy also will be present. The media will not cover the event.

3. Background: The formal military dinner ceremony known as "Dining-In" is a tradition that has been observed by military services in the United States and Europe for hundreds of years. Its origin dates back to the early 18th century in Europe, where the officers of various regiments of the established monarchies would gather together for the purpose of good food, drinking, fellowship and the honoring feats of individuals and organizations. While the occasion for mess night (Dining-In) became less one of celebration of individual achievements within the particular command or service, the protocol became more formalized. According to the brochure opposite "Dining-In" is not a party in any sense, but its purpose is to pay tribute to all those intangibles for which a group stands." (See program opposite for further information.) Last year's keynote speaker was Congressman G. William Whitehurst (R-VA).

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